

SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF SGT. FLINT WRIGHT

After 19-plus years with the Salem Police Department, Sgt. Flint Wright is retiring effective November 1. Sgt. Wright came to the Salem PD after serving 7 years in the United States Marine Corps. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant E-5 in April 1989 and then joined the Salem Police Department the following year.

Sgt. Wright began his career as a Patrol Officer in March 1990, was promoted to Senior Police Officer in December 1994 and later to the rank of Sergeant in August 2008.

Wright spent his entire career in the Patrol Division protecting the citizens of Salem and also shaping young officers to lead in the future by holding them to the extremely high standards set by both the Department and the community.

"Flint is the type of person who is always upbeat with a positive attitude and there's no doubt that his outlook on life carried over to the people who were around him," says Salem's incoming Police Chief Jeff Dudley.

Sgt. Wright is known a leader who values honor and integrity and a man who always made sure to pass those traits along to those he was mentoring.

"As a training officer and a Sergeant, Flint was a positive role model for many of the younger officers in the department and he will certainly be missed by many in the department. We wish him the best in his retirement," says Dudley.

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